

# ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention provides an image processing apparatus and an image processing method by which efficient communication can be achieved. An image processing apparatus, comprising a playback section for playing back image data; a transmission section for transmitting the played back image data to a reception apparatus through a predetermined transmission line; and a control section for controlling, when an instruction to temporarily stop the playback of the image data is received, the playback section and the transmission section to stop the playback and the transmission of the image data, respectively, and further controlling the transmission section to transmit a message representing that the playback of the image data is temporarily stopped to the reception apparatus through the transmission line.